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Applicants : Andrew J. Flint and Deborah E. Cool  
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PHOSPHATASES

Examiner : Yong D. Pak  
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2002, please extend the period for response one month, to expire on December 9, 2002, in view of the fact that December 8, 2002, falls on a Sunday. Enclosed are a petition for extension of time and the requisite fee. Please amend the Application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 26, and ending at page 3, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

(Twice Amended) The PTP family of enzymes contains a common evolutionarily conserved segment of approximately 250 amino acids known as the PTP catalytic domain. Within this conserved domain is a unique signature sequence motif,